

THE KENTUCKY CONTEST

Both Sides Still Claim the State by a Small Plurality.

EXCITING DAY AT VANCEBURG.

Two Thousand People Gather in the Town and Prevent an Alleged Effort to Throw Out the Vote of Lewis County on a Technicality.

Louisville, Nov. 14.—The tangled growth of the week's election grows worse with each day. Yesterday was the third day of the official count, but the work of the county boards of canvassers disclosed information to clear the situation. Chairman Long, of the Republican campaign committee, repeated his claim of a plurality of 3,111 for Taylor, based on official returns from 110 counties and unofficial returns from the remaining nine. The Democratic papers and leaders have ceased to give figures, but speakers from Frankfort quote Candidate Goebel and other party leaders as saying they are confident of success.

The complexion of the returns to be presented to the state board of election commissioners, when it meets in Frankfort next month, still depends upon the determination of the contests which are being raised in several parts of the state, notably the strongly Republican counties of the Eleventh district, where the Democrats claim tissue ballots were used. There are also other equally important contests.

Yesterday was an exciting day at Vanceburg, county seat of Lewis county. An effort was made to throw out the entire vote of the county, which gave Taylor a plurality of 600, on a technicality. It being claimed the paper on which the ballots were printed was too thin. On this ground the election board last week threw out the vote of Mowers and Burton precincts, which gave Taylor 209 plurality, and adjourned until yesterday. Word was passed through the county and yesterday about 2,000 citizens flocked into Vanceburg and gathered around the court house when the election board met.

News reached the crowd that the commissioners were about to throw out the vote of another precinct, and there was an angry demonstration. Trouble seemed imminent, when it was announced that the election board had reconsidered its action by which the vote of certain precincts had been thrown out, and that the entire vote of the county would be counted. This prevented any further demonstrations.

DEATH SOON FOLLOWING DISGRACE.

Died While Being Taken to Prison in a Patrol Wagon.

Cincinnati, Nov. 14.—About seven years ago the Rev. Adolph Foith came to Cincinnati from Austria. He first took charge of a Lutheran church here as its pastor. He was soon made superintendent of the "Altenheim," or home for aged Germans, and subsequently himself and wife were transferred to the superintendency of the German Orphan Home. Here they bore the titles "Father and Mother of the Orphans." A few weeks ago Mrs. Foith died suddenly under mysterious circumstances. Rev. Foith said she died in the habit of taking morphine, and had taken an overdose. This hurried further inquiry. The trustees of the asylum, after thorough investigation, found that Father Foith had been guilty of gross impropriety in the Orphan Home. He was arrested, and while in the patrol wagon on the way to prison Father Foith fell in a violent convulsion. Then in rapid succession convulsion followed convulsion until he died. One theory is that he took some quick poison, another is that remorse and nervous excitement caused his death.

DISCONTENTED BURLARS.

Brutally Mistreated a Venerable Couple After Robbing Them.

Uniontown, Pa., Nov. 14.—The residence of Horace P. Conn, on the Cheat river, was robbed Saturday night. Conn and his wife, who are over 60 years of age, with their hired man, John Bivler, were bound and forced to undergo brutal treatment for the two hours that the burglars remained in the house. The raid yielded the burglars about \$110 in cash, a gold watch and some other booty. This did not satisfy them. They had come after the \$1,500 which they supposed Conn had received as the first payment on his coal lands, which he recently sold. Conn had not got any of the money yet and told the intruders so, but they did not believe him and resorted to all sorts of brutal treatment and threats to make him reveal the treasure. Twice he was stood up as a target and given so many seconds to confess. Revolvers were rubbed over his head and aimed at his temple. One fellow got a razor, and holding Conn's hand made a movement as though he would cut his throat. The old man was so faint from cold and fright that they had to give him water to revive him, to make him sensible to their treatment. After the burglars left Mrs. Conn liberated herself by untying the knots with her teeth, and then cut the other victims loose.

CRUISER CHARLESTON WRECKED.

Struck on a Reef Off Luzon—All on Board Saved.

Manila, Nov. 14.—The United States cruiser Charleston, which has been patrolling the northern coast of Luzon, was wrecked on a reef off the northwest coast on Tuesday, Nov. 7. All on board were saved.

The Charleston, which was built in San Francisco in 1888, had a displacement of 3,730 tons, was 312 feet 7 inches in length, 46 feet 2 inches in beam, and 21 feet 8 inches in draught. She was of steel, having two propellers, one funnel and two masts, with military tops. She carried two 8-inch guns, six 6-inch guns, four 3-pounders, two machine guns and one light gun, with four torpedo tubes. She had a complement of 306 men.

Slowly Sealed to Death.

Corning, N. Y., Nov. 14.—There was a head end collision on the Pennsylvania division of the Erie railroad between trains ten miles south of Corning yesterday that resulted in the death of Peter Wilenski, a fireman. Brakeman William Keyes sustained injuries that may prove fatal. His left leg had to be amputated and the right one so horribly crushed that the physicians give slight hopes of saving it. Wilenski was crushed under his engine as it toppled over, and for 30 minutes his groans could be heard distinctly as he was slowly sealed to death by the escaping steam.

Vice President's Improved Condition.

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 14.—Improvement in the condition of Vice President Hobart continues, and Mrs. Hobart and other members of the family now feel confident that the life of the vice president will be preserved for a long time, even if his complete recovery is not considered a possibility by his physician. Mrs. Hobart, who has been at his bedside almost continuously since his serious illness began, felt so encouraged at the improvement yesterday afternoon that she consented to go for a drive.

GENERAL SOUTHERN NEWS.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 8.—John Woback, a 13-year-old boy, was convicted in the United States court yesterday of stealing \$1.05 from the Clarnont postoffice. In consideration of his tender age sentence was suspended, and he was remanded to the custody of his parents.

Charleston, Nov. 9.—Dr. Maxey G. Lee, of a well known family of Darlington, S. C., who killed his father, Dr. Lee, several months ago, was yesterday found guilty, "with a recommendation to mercy," which probably means life imprisonment in the state penitentiary. The plea of the defense was accidental homicide.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 11.—Judge Pegg, of the interior criminal court, yesterday pronounced the act of the general assembly of 1896, which forbids the sale of pools at horse races, to be unconstitutional. The pool betters, who are being arrested on the charge of violating the law, were released.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 11.—A special to The Courier-Journal from Middleboro gives a report of the killing in Letcher county of three "regulators." The regulators, according to the story, were engaged in mistreating two old women, Mrs. Holbrook and Mrs. Cline, when they had a clash with a crowd of officers and citizens, with fatal results.

Macon, Ga., Nov. 10.—Congressman Bartlett and Senator Jackson received yesterday a petition signed by about 100 negroes asking them to use their best efforts to secure the passage of a law whereby the negroes might be deported to Africa. They say that the negroes in this case are not satisfied with the results of a change, and say it would be better for the two races to separate.

Covington, Ky., Nov. 10.—On election day Mayor J. L. Rhinocor conducted a body of policemen to each polling place and hustled the Republicans. In some cases the doors were broken open. An appeal to the courts restored the elected inspectors. Yesterday warrants were sworn out for the mayor and several of his chief officers, and today 150 more warrants were sworn out against the policemen.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 9.—The election returns show that the state senate will be entirely Democratic, the only member outside of the regular party nominees being W. B. Shands, independent Democrat from Isle of Wight county. The house will be composed of 95 republicans, three independents and 4 republicans. Martin will secure the nomination in the party caucus for United States senator by a safe majority.

Raleigh, Nov. 11.—James Joyner, the Dongola murderer, was hanged at Greenville, N. C., yesterday in the presence of 5,000 people. The execution was without a mishap. The condemned man made a statement that he was guilty of the crime, and that if others were punished for it the punishment would fall on innocent parties. Notwithstanding the immense crowd the best of order prevailed.

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 9.—There was a tight vote in the Mississippi election. The Democratic state ticket is estimated at 30,000. The official count will not vary greatly from these figures. The popular vote shows a decided falling off in the habit of voting. The vote was 59 per cent. Not over 65,000 votes were polled during the day. The Noel amendment, providing for an elective judiciary, is defeated. In senatorial caucuses McLaughlin received the long instruction and Sullivan the short term.

Meridian, Miss., Nov. 11.—O. C. King, of this city, commissioner from the state of Mississippi to the Paris exposition in 1900, has arranged with a party who has secured at the right season 500,000 selected full grown cotton bolls, which will be sold at the Paris exposition by original cotton field darkeys as souvenirs of the American cotton exhibit. These will be the first cotton bolls ever shipped abroad, and they will doubtless be eagerly sought after by people who have used quantities of American cotton, but who never have seen it in its natural form.

Richmond, Nov. 11.—Yesterday Hon. J. Taylor Eliason, president of the Jefferson Davis Monument Association, presided over a memorial service for the United Daughters of the Confederacy and presented the resolution adopted by the United Confederate Veterans asking the United Daughters to assume the responsibility of raising a monument to the memory of President Davis. The Daughters accepted the charge by an overwhelming majority. The corner stone of the proposed monument was laid in Monroe Park, in this city, in 1896, and it is designed that it shall be a memorial not only of Mr. Davis, but of the "lost cause." The fund now amounts to \$20,000.

Richmond, Nov. 10.—Yesterday was another great Confederate day in Richmond, the occasion being the unveiling in Hollywood cemetery, under the auspices of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, now in convention here, of the memorials in Hollywood to President Jefferson Davis and Miss Winnie Davis. The daughters, in carriages, were escorted to the cemetery by an imposing procession, consisting of Confederate camps and military. The services were very impressive and were witnessed by vast crowds. Governor Tyler presided, and the speakers were Hon. B. H. Munford, John Reagan, Confederate postmaster general and the only survivor of Davis' cabinet, and General Fitzhugh Lee.

Atlanta, Nov. 11.—Word was received in Atlanta last night of the marriage in Washington on Saturday last of Lieutenant F. E. Bamford, Fifth Infantry, U. S. A., and Mrs. Mae Kendall O'Brien. This is a sequel to the Romey court martial at Fort McPherson in 1897. Lieutenant Bamford had been engaged to marry Captain Romey's daughter, at the same time paying marked attention to Mrs. O'Brien. Captain Romey expressed himself freely in the matter, and Lieutenant O'Brien, hearing of it, accused the captain on the parade. His superior responded by knocking him down, the court martial being held soon after. Lieutenant O'Brien died some time ago at Dry Tortugas.

Deadly Gale Off New Foundland.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 14.—A heavy snow and rain storm, accompanied by gales of wind, causing loss of life and damage to shipping, prevails in the maritime provinces of New Foundland. At Port Hood, Cape Breton, seven fishing boats went out yesterday morning. About midday a northwest gale came up suddenly. Five boats landed safely. A sixth was swamped. The seventh is missing. It is possible at least three souls have perished.

Three Children Burned to Death.

Detour, Mich., Nov. 14.—On Sunday the three sons of Mrs. Kate Orr, aged 8, 6 and 5 years, were burned to death by a fire which originated in their chimney. The mother, a widow, was away at the time, the boys being in charge of their grandmother, who escaped unharmed.

Lieutenant Bagley's Mother Poisoned.

Washington, Nov. 14.—A pension of \$15 a month was granted yesterday by Commissioner Evans to Adelaide Bagley, mother of Lieutenant Bagley, who was killed in the war with Spain.

Blown to Bits by Dynamite.

Fremont, O., Nov. 14.—The explosion of a nitro-glycerine wagon at Gibsonburg, owned by the Hercules Powder company, blew the driver, Ben Card, to bits. The wagon was loaded with nitro small blits. The driver, Ben Card, shared the same fate. Serious damage was done to buildings two miles away.

Cure Cold in Head.

Kermott's Chocolate Laxative Quinine, easy to take and quick to cure cold in head and sore throat.

BALLOT BOX STUFFING.

Five Alleged Fraudulent Voters Arrested in Philadelphia.

SAID TO BE FROM WASHINGTON.

It Was Testified That the Men, Four of Whom Are Presumably Government Employees, Were Sent to Philadelphia by a Police Lieutenant.

Philadelphia, Nov. 11.—As the result of a newspaper investigation five men, all residents of Washington, D. C., arrested Tuesday night, were yesterday held in jail for court on the charge of repeating, impersonating election officers and making fraudulent returns. The defendants are Joseph Sheehy, R. D. Smith, William Cook, Harry McCabe and George Kirkland. All but one are said to be in the government's employ.

It developed that Kirkland had been employed by the newspaper mentioned in the indictment. He was the principal witness, and ball in his case was fixed at \$1,000, the others being required to furnish \$1,800. The testimony involved several prominent Republican politicians in this city and the lieutenant of capital police at Washington.

The alleged fraud, it was sworn to, was accomplished in the Thirteenth division of the Seventh ward, and the election papers of this division were produced. The evidence, it was shown, a vote of 337 for Colonel James E. Barnett, the Republican candidate for state treasurer, and 5 for William T. Cressy, the Democratic candidate.

Kirkland, who at the time of his arrest said his name was George Wright, described the trip from Washington to this city of the alleged repeaters on Monday night. He then related in detail all that happened from the time the men arrived until their arrest at the railroad station on election night. He says the five were brought from Washington by Lieutenant Rogers, of the capital police. In this city he and Cook were taken to the house of Deputy Coroner Smith, accompanied by Rogers, where they were handed about 200 ballots, sealed and folded, and instructed to place them in the box as soon as they arrived at the polling place. Kirkland, who is an insurmountable investigator, the name of Clarence McCabe, the regular inspector, and Cook impersonated William Hamilton, the judge of election. They placed the illegal ballots in the box as instructed, and the 24 voters were handed specimen ballots, which were afterward destroyed. There were 124 votes actually cast, but the returns gave 342. He was paid \$15 for his work by Lieutenant Rogers.

William Hamilton, proprietor of an Alhambra (Pa.) hotel, and instantly killed his wife and then committed suicide. The woman tried to escape, but Kern dragged her from 200 protesters and committed the deed.

The Kentucky Distillers' association will limit next season's whisky output to 9,000,000 gallons. The Venezuelan rebel leader Paredes was defeated at Porto Cabella, 659 persons being killed or wounded. A conference will be held at Chicago between building contractors and trades council representatives, to settle labor difficulties. Alex McAdie, United States forest official at San Francisco, has declined an offer of a professorship in the Johns Hopkins university, Baltimore.

The American troops entered Tarlac, the Filipino "stronghold," last night and found it deserted. Aguinado is believed to be surrounded by our troops.

Diamond Thieves' Big Hunt.

Cleveland, Nov. 14.—Thirty thousand dollars' worth of diamonds were stolen yesterday afternoon from the store of Sigler Brothers, No. 551 Euclid. Three men entered the store, which is on the second floor. One of the trio stood at the elevator cage and the other two entered the office of a clerk and the other two. Sigler, at whose side was a black box containing the diamonds. Mr. Sigler says his attention was attracted for a moment, and turning to his supposed customers found both had fled and the box of jewels was gone.

Germans Punish Cannibals.

Liverpool, Nov. 14.—The British steamer Volta, from the German Cameroons, West Africa, just arrived here, reports that a German punitive expedition in the Cameroons recently chastised a tribe of rebellious cannibals who had besieged several trading stations at and near Kribi. The Germans chased the cannibals to the bush, killing 200. It was reported that numbers of the slain were decapitated, their head being stuck on poles in the interior towns to strike terror to the inhabitants.

Last Week's Elections.

The states which went Republican in last week's elections, with the plurality, are: Ohio, 50,512; Pennsylvania, 134,368; (Barnett's vote was 28,151 lower); Iowa, 60,000; Massachusetts, 65,062; New Jersey, 20,000; South Dakota, 4,017. There were Republican gains in New York legislative and county elections, and in Kansas the fusion candidates by 12,000 plurality over the Republican candidates and in Maryland John Walter Smith (Dem.) was elected governor over Lloyd Llewellyn (Rep.) by 12,121, with the legislature largely Democratic.

An Indiana Suicide Club.

Frankfort, Ind., Nov. 14.—Andrew Thompson last night committed suicide by taking morphine. The death has developed beyond doubt that there is a suicide club in this city, and that two of the members have already carried out their obligations. Fred Greiner, who took his life several days ago by the same agency, was the first to carry out the compact. Thompson was 60 at the time Greiner died, and he remarked that he would soon follow him.

"Didn't Know It Was Loaded."

Philadelphia, Nov. 14.—William H. Reider, 17 Huns, aged 17 years, of 1508 Arch street, son of Ezekiel Huns, Jr., a widely known and wealthy lawyer, playing a desperate highwayman in the cigar store of Edwin Lippincott, yesterday shot and killed Mr. Lippincott. William didn't know his revolver was loaded. He and his brother Charlie, who owned the revolver, are under arrest. J. G. Powell, another boy, is held as a witness.

Terrific Powder Mill Explosion.

Santa Cruz, Cal., Nov. 13.—An explosion occurred yesterday in the glassing house of the California Powder mill, four cylinders containing 100 pounds of powder exploded. The explosion wrecked the mill, blew down the works, destroyed the saltpetre warehouse, and extinguished the electric lights in Santa Cruz. Patrick Hughes, night watchman, was killed.

Two Fighters Killed by a Train.

Shamokin, Pa., Nov. 14.—While John Yank and Conrad Winsko, young unmarried Hungarians, engaged in a fist fight on the Philadelphia and Reading railroad track near Enterprise, Sunday night, an express train ran through and instantly killed them both. The train quailed at a christening, and went to the railroad to fight it out.

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A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, Nov. 9.

In the football game between Cornell and Columbia, at New York, Cornell won by 29 to 0.

Chicago women are organizing a movement to present \$5,000 swords to Generals Fitzhugh Lee and Joseph Wheeler.

The United States, Great Britain and Germany have signed a treaty submitting Samoan damage claims to Judge Oscar of Sweden as arbitrator.

At Duluth, Minn., Hiram Rhodes testified to the jury that the dynamite blast, which killed the Boers, belonged to his employers, Howard & Hannie, for cash considerations.

In Philadelphia Otto H. Roessgen, crazed by jealousy, killed Mrs. Gertrude Gill and himself. Mrs. Gill had separated from her husband, who was suing for divorce.

W. K. Vanderbilt is reported to head the \$75,000,000 automobile combine. The New York Central railroad will spend \$8,000,000 to \$15,000,000 on rolling stock.

Mexico will send a large force of soldiers to annihilate the rebellious Yaqui Indians.

A London dispatch declares an agreement between England, China and the United States will maintain the "top door" in China.

Sir Thomas Lipton, just arrived at Southampton, announces his willingness to equip the Erin as a hospital ship for the Transvaal.

Admiral Dewey and Mrs. Hazen were married today at the parsonage of St. Francis church, in New York.

The admissions to Philadelphia's number 2050.

Rear Admiral Bradford, chief of the naval bureau of equipment, urges the necessity of establishing coaling stations.

The marriage of Miss Luz Diaz, daughter of President Diaz, of Mexico, to Francisco Rineon Gallardo, took place in the city of Mexico.

Miss Helen Long, second daughter of the secretary of the navy, is said to be a hopeless invalid. She is suffering from pulmonary trouble.

Saturday, Nov. 10.

The admissions to Philadelphia's export exposition yesterday numbered 19,677.

At a Bethlehem (Pa.) blast furnace nine men were overcome by gas. Frederick Lintner, aged 50, died.

Ex-Governor Joseph W. Fifer, of Illinois, has been appointed to the interstate commerce commission.

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Tuesday, Nov. 14.

Prince Clarence II. of Jamaica, is to wed a Jamaica maiden at Christmas.

Admiral Dewey now walks the streets of New York without molestation.

A co-operative piano factory is to be established by locked out Chicago workmen.

Corbett has challenged Jeffries to fight as soon as possible. Corbett has deposited \$5,000 as a forfeit.

Ex-Postmaster General Wauwamaker declares there has not been an honest election in Philadelphia for many years.

General William McE. Dye, ex-chief of police of Washington and later minister of war to the King of Corea, died in Muskegon, Mich., last night.

Mrs. Ada Akeley Hill is under arrest at Aurora, Ill., charged with killing her mother-in-law, Mrs. Elida Hill, by pouring acid down her back. She protests innocence.

The Shipbuilding Consolidation.

San Francisco, Nov. 13.—Concerning the reported acquisition by the Union Pacific of the shipbuilding syndicate, organized by the Seligman's The Call says: "Preliminary steps to consolidate under one general management the leading shipyards of the Atlantic coast and the Union Iron works of the Pacific were taken last summer. The transaction is now closed. The number of shares of stock in the new concern is 20,000, at \$250, an aggregate of \$5,000,000."

Ante-Election Truandees Sentenced.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Nov. 14.—Judge Wilkesbarre yesterday denied the motion for a new trial in the case of Boyd Owens and H. E. Cooke, convicted of printing and distributing election returns in violation of the law. The case was argued by attorney M. E. Moore, a candidate for city assessor of Wilkesbarre. The defendants will be sentenced on Saturday. This is the first conviction in the state under a recent law passed by the legislature.

Hoping For Molnoux's Acquittal.

New York, Nov. 14.—The trial of Robert F. Molnoux for the murder of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams was begun today in the court of general sessions. "This case must be tried as soon as possible," said District Attorney Gardner. "If Molnoux is guilty he will be convicted, and if he is innocent he will be acquitted as soon as all legal forms can be complied with. If he should be acquitted there will be no one more pleased than because of my long friendship with his father, General Molnoux."

Murdered an Innocent Babe.

Caruthersville, Mo., Nov. 14.—News reached here of a distressing tragedy at Caruthersville, Mo., Nov. 14. A baby at a levee camp below here, Charles Pearson, 21 years old, who had for some reason become angry with a family named Poe, came to Poe's tent with a double barreled shotgun and fired both barrels into the tent, striking and dangerously wounding seven out of the family of nine. "One small child was killed instantly, one has since died and the mother is not expected to live. Pearson was captured."

Electric Stages For Fifth Avenue.

New York, Nov. 14.—The Fifth avenue stage line has been sold to the New York Electric Vehicle Company by William C. Whitney. One of Mr. Whitney's business associates said that the road would be equipped with the latest style of electrical stages.

Cure Cold in Head.

Kermott's Chocolate Laxative Quinine, easy to take and quick to cure cold in head and sore throat.

THE BRITISH IN AFRICA.

Nearly Fourteen Thousand Reinforcements Arrive at Cape Town.

SIX THOUSAND OFF FOR DURBAN.

The Boers at De Aar Have Got the Range of the Mines and Are Constantly Throwing Shells at the Dynamite Huts, Doing Great Damage.

London, Nov. 14.—The paucity of news from the front still leaves the chief interest centered in the arrival of the reinforcements. Escourt dispatches say that heliograph communication has been established with Ladysmith, but so far no news has been received. The latest date being Nov. 6, which shows that the occupants of Ladysmith had no news of the outside world since General French reached Pietermaritzburg and that they were cut off from the outside world.

Everyone was confident and cheerful, but all were suffering the inconvenience of the sieve, bread selling at three shillings per loaf.

Colonel John Bull's dashing sorties at Mafeking encouraged the hope that the British garrisons along the western border are all able to hold out. Cecil Rhodes is employing 8,000 men, black and white, at Kimberley making, as a remedy for destitution.

According to a dispatch from De Aar the Boers at Kimberley have got the exact range of the mines and are constantly throwing shells at the dynamite huts. Several of the latter have been blown up, and the damage done to the mines already amounts to many thousands of pounds.

Among the stories from Brussels is one of General Joubert and Sir George White have been endeavoring to negotiate for the capitulation of Ladysmith, but have failed to come to terms.

The story of Father Matthews, cabled from Lorenzo Marques, regarding the surrender at Nicholson's Nek, is too vague to be very convincing, but in military circles it is considered unpleasant reading, and it will be necessary to locate the facts until the officer concerned has been court martialed.

Father Matthews, who has just arrived at Lorenzo Marques from Pretoria, says with reference to the surrender of the Irish Fusiliers and the Gloucestershire troops at Nicholson's Nek, that after the mules stamped the force got hard pressed by the enemy. They were held out, however, but a young lieutenant, who thought his batch of ten men were the sole survivors, without instructions, hoisted a flag of truce on his own responsibility. Nothing then remained but to surrender.

An armored train, with a company of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, started from Escourt yesterday afternoon and reached the break in the railway line, about half a mile from Colenso, without accident. Captain Hensley, with several men, reconnoitered and met a native who said the Boers were occupying the town. While the conversation was in progress the Boers opened fire on Port Vrye, but did no injury. Captain Hensley thereupon retired on the train, after which the Fusiliers volleyed on the fort. As there was no response the presumption was that the Boers had retreated. The armored train returned to Escourt at 6 o'clock. Captain Hensley learned from the native that the Boers were numerous on the Ladysmith side of Colenso.

A dispatch from Cape Town announces the arrival there of the troops of the 1st and 2nd Divisions, with artillery and infantry. This brings the total number of reinforcements to 12,000, of which about 6,000 are already on the way to Durban. Nine other troops, carrying 11,000 men, are due at Cape Town today.

Five Murders Awaiting Trial.

Baltimore, Nov. 14.—One of the most unusual occurrences in the criminal court in many years was the arraignment yesterday of five persons charged with murder and one accused of manslaughter before Judge Wright. All pleaded not guilty, and were remanded to jail for trial. The prisoners are Harry W. Harris, 29 years old, charged with wife murder; Julia Brennan and Kate Brady, accused of causing the death of Joseph Burns, 21 months old, by placing him over a hot stove; William H. Lewis and Randolph Walker, colored, charged with causing the death of Charles Williams, also colored, by hitting him on the head with a stone; John Geisenkotter, man-slaughter, in causing the death of James H. Deane, whom it is said he struck with his fist.

Boers Kill Jefferson Davis' Grandson.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 13.—Lieutenant C. W. Kidd, of the North Lancashire regiment, who was killed at Kimberley, was a grandson of Jefferson Davis, president of the southern Confederacy, and a great grandson of President Zachary Taylor. His father is Captain Kidd, who has resided in Halifax since the close of the war between the north and south.

Senator Thurston's Bride.

Omaha, Nov. 14.—Confirmation was made at the Thurston residence here yesterday of the report that Senator John M. Thurston is to wed Miss Lola Pearson, of Washington. The wedding will occur in Washington this evening.

THE PRODUCE MARKETS.

Philadelphia, Nov